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3 October 1962

NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

OPERATIONS BOARD

TRANSCRIPT

PRESENT: [redacted], Chrm.

Mr. Theodore Tate

[redacted]  
Major William Barger

[redacted]  
Lcdr. John Clarke

[redacted]  
Lcdr. P. J. Brunette

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ITEM 1 - Approval of Minutes of the Ops Bd Mtg. of 19 Sept 62.

The minutes were approved as issued.

ITEM 2 - Review of Project Summary for period ending 28 Sept 62

The project summary was approved as issued.

ITEM 3 - Old Business

There was no old business.

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ITEM 4 - New Business

Mr. Tate called attention to a message from AFCIN asking for a re-evaluation of photography on the Kamchetka area. Asked if this will be considered an AFCIN requirement or should they submit a formal request.

[redacted] said he has had the team look at this area again because of the snow cover making it difficult to spot the SAM sites. He noted that NPIC was not an action addressee on this particular message from AFCIN.

Mr. Tate understands that this is intended as a requirement for NPIC although it was addressed to AFIC for action.

[redacted] noted that the criteria used in the previous report on this area was not solely the criteria of our PI's, but was worked jointly with the GMAIC

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missile group. A letter of appreciation was received from this GMAIC group for the work done by our people on the project. GMAIC seemed satisfied with the readout.

Mr. Tate believes OSI is preparing a requirement on this area at this time.

[ ] said that GMAIC had requested that this project be updated from time to time. 50X1

Mr. Tate read a portion of the message requesting re-evaluation of this area. He would like to know just what type request should be submitted by AFCIN to get this work accomplished.

[ ] suggested that the Air Force Element take this up through their GMAIC member. 50X1

Mr. Tate does not believe this request will necessitate redoing the entire project.

[ ] asked that AFCIN submit a formal request for this work. 50X1

[ ] does not believe that the new OSI requirement is the same as the one from AFCIN. 50X1

[ ] asked that these two requirements be checked to see that we do not have a duplication. 50X1

[ ] called attention to two GMAIC requirements received today which were forwarded to PAD through Col. Parker. The first requirement asked for an informal reply to be presented to GMAIC by the NPIC representative. 50X1

[ ] asked if this answer should not first go to the Operations Officer who will see that it gets to the GMAIC representative to GMAIC, since this rep. varies from time to time. (This was a written request) 50X1

[ ] agreed that this report should first be submitted to the Operations Officer who will in turn pass to the GMAIC rep.

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[ ] noted that the second GMAIC requirement was a search requirement. He asked if a standby joint group should be established to do this search.

[ ] asked if there is a backup team set up for such projects at this time. 50X1

[ ] said in the past a group was set aside to support Major Wills but this particular requirement should be handled as a national project rather than as departmental. It suggested that it be worked by this group calling reps. from the other elements to coordinate the work in order to make this a joint NPIC operation. 50X1

Lcdr. Brunette suggested using the "Black Book" team to work this project.

Mr. Tate said this actually the way it has worked out in the past.

[ ] agreed that the "Black Book" group should work the project. He said that Col. Parker is handling the briefing end of the project for GMAIC. He believes, however, that the PI who is best equipped to go should be selected for the briefing. He asked that Col. Parker be advised who is working on these projects and a recommendation made to him as to who would be best qualified for the briefing. 50X1

#### ITEM 5 - New project and proposed staffing for consideration

The new project and proposed staffing was approved as issued.

#### ITEM 6 - Projects assigned since the last Ops Bd Mtg.

Lcdr. Brunette noted that JN 227 should be 3093 instead of 3043. 50X1

[ ] said that 9045 has been recovered after a three day orbit with good weather. ETA at the Center will probably be Sunday.

[ ] said there is a possibility that the material may arrive on Saturday. 50X1

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[ ] said the next Cuban mission will probably be 5 October and will be processed at Del Rio. ETA at NPIC will be Friday night about 1000.

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[ ] explained re the release of the Cuban material that for SitSums for missions from 3088 we will send them material from past cables.

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[ ] asked if a DP could be furnished here on the Cuban missions rather than a DN since the DP is easier to read.

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Mr. Tate believes this would expedite the material to the other recipients of the DPs and DNs.

[ ] said this is a COMOR problem.

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Lcdr. Brunette noted that one site was missed on the negative last time and picked up on the DP.

[ ] agreed a DP would be better to work with.

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[ ] asked that this be taken to the COMOR for a decision.

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Mr. Tate asked if Air Force and the other detachments should also take this to the COMOR. He asked what the estimated delay will be on receipt of material at the Center.

[ ] asked that Del Rio make the DP for NPIC.

[ ] questioned that Del Rio has the capability to do this.

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[ ] said they do have this capability and EK now has people working there.

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Lcdr. Clarke suggested that Suitland make the DP.

[ ] asked that each of the detachments take this to their COMOR member. He asked if 1 DP will be enough - in other words, will Del Rio be asked to produce only 1 DP?

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[ ] said 1 DP will suffice for the immediate readout. Furthermore, Del Rio would probably not have time to make more than 1 DP.

Mr. Tate believes we should know the capability at Del Rio before we suggest this action to the COMOR.

[ ] said the capability is there if people are provided to do the work. 50X1

[ ] asked why the original negative could not be sent to Suitland for reproduction. 50X1

[ ] asked again that each member contact his own COMOR rep. on the prospect of having the DP developed at Del Rio. [ ] will attend the COMOR this week for CIA. 50X1

[ ] called attention to [ ] Mission 117 which was very bad coverage. 50X1

[ ] said 13 items were selected from this mission, but the photography was of very poor quality. He asked for recommendations as to how this should go out. 50X1

[ ] asked if he had sent one out before. 50X1

[ ] said yes he had sent out one, but there was a little more on it. It was sent out in cable form. 50X1

Mr. Tate recommends that we also send out a message on this mission.

[ ] understands that this is the successor of [ ] photography and did not believe NPIC was to read out this material. 50X1

[ ] explained that the previous mission was read out here because of our interest in one particular area on the photography. 50X1

Mr. Tate does not understand why we are reading out this type material as he does not believe it is our job.

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A discussion ensued on who should read out this material.

[ ] asked Mr. Tate to check into this matter and report back to the Asst. Operations Officer stating what has been done on these missions.

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[ ] asked if he should hold up on the message if Mr. Tate finds it has been read out elsewhere.

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[ ] wants to know primarily if it has been readout, and if not, should we do it and relay the info to the interested parties.

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Lcdr. Brunette believes there is no question as to whether or not we should read out the material but believes if another message has been transmitted from a previous readout then we should not send out this message.

[ ] wants to know who has the basic responsibility to first read out this material. If we do then we should read it out immediately. He asked how fast we could expect to get the readout on this material from the Pentagon if they have read it out.

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Mr. Tate said it would take some time.

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[ ] called attention to an item to be added to the agenda calling for cancellation of request from ORR which has been answered by cable. The material will also be included in JN 79-62 which will be published in the near future.

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The Board agreed to ~~cancel these~~ projects.

The meeting adjourned at 1445.

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